119 lakh persons, a marginal decline in the targeted rate of growth has resulted.

Construction of Thein Dam

@@1972. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Thein dam may cost Rs. 1709 crores" appearing in the 'Indian Express', New Delhi of the 17th February, 1986;

(b) whether the Central Government have cleared the offer of the Japanese-Italian Consortium. Kajima-Impregilo, for the construction of the project;

(c) what is the percentage of the expenditure to be borne by the said consortium, the Central Government and the Punjab and other participating States; and

(d) what are the reasons for allowing foreign consortia to undertake the project?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No Sir. It is in the process of appraisal alongwith other offers.

(c) A decision on these aspects can be taken only after the offers have been duly evaluated.

(d) To take advantage of bilateral foreign assistance (in the context of resource constraints) and transfer of technology, including advanced construction management techniques.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 1341, transferred from the 7th March, 1986.

Setting up of a cement plant using slag of Bokaro Steel Plant

†1973. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal pending with Government since 1978 regarding the setting up of a cement plant using slag of Bokaro Steel Plant as raw material in public|private|joint sector;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and the reasons for delay and the steps being taken to expedite it; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to consider the proposal for implementation in the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Licences for manufacturing LPG cylinders

1974. SHRI SHANTIMOY GHOSH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister's Secretariat is monitoring the sanction of industrial licences in the country;

(b) if so, what is the result of the monitoring of LPG cylinder manufacturing licences granted in the country so far;

(c) the number of such licences granted for the eastern States and the names of the sites of such plants with total capacity; and

(d) the total capacity of LPG cylinder manufacturing granted for other States. State-wise details?

†Previously Unstarred Question 1294, transferred from the 7th March, 1986.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) No licence under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act is required for manufacture of LPG cylinders.

Losses by Mawmluh-Cherra Cement Company

1975. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mawmluh-Cherra Cement Company has incurred losses to the tune of crores of rupees so far;

(b) if so, what were its Balance Sheets for the years 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86; and

(c) what were the reasons for its incurring such heavy losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Reports have been received from the State Government of Meghalaya that M|s. Mawmluh-Cherra Cement Company, a State Govt. unit is incurring losses. The information regarding the exact amount of loss and the balance sheets of the Company have not been furnished by the State Government.

(c) The main reasons for losses is the low capacity utilisation because of locational disadvantages, extreme climatic conditions and non-availability of trained technical personnel.

Cement Corporation of India

1976. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cement Corporation of India is expected to be in the red in the current year;

(b) if so, the net loss expected to be incurred during the year 1985-86;

(c) what are the reasons for which the CCI's performance in terms of profit has been on the decline for the last two years and during the current year it is likely to incur a record loss; and

(d) the steps being taken to tone up the working of the Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The net loss expected to be incurred during 1985-86 is Rs. 13 crores (Approx.).

(c) The Corporation has indicated the following reasons:—

(1) Increase in power tariff in Madhya Pradesh (where three units are located). Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh and Assam;

(2) Increase in coal prices at Singareni Collieries w.e.f. 1-1-1985 affecting the profitability of the three units, Adilabad, Yerraguntla and Kurkunta served by these collieries;

(3) Increase in mineral right tax in Andhra Pradesh by Rs. 9 per tonne on limestone affecting the profitability of two units located at Adilabad and Yerraguntla in this State;

(4) Extra freight on road transportation on coal from Western Coalfields and Singareni Collieries to the two units at Yerraguntla and Kurkunta and also to some extent to Adilabad;

(5) Lower production of cement than anticipated due to various reasons such as severe power cut|power shortage|fluctuations|trippings faced by the plants, particularly those located in the States of Karnataka and Haryana, non-availability of railway wagons, non-availability of sufficient quantity of slag, short